



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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The 2nd Sunday in Lent



Facing the Task Unfinished

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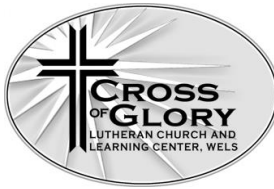
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Restrooms: The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

Cry Room: We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

Prayer Requests: If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.



ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

HYMN.....Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word (CW #576)

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



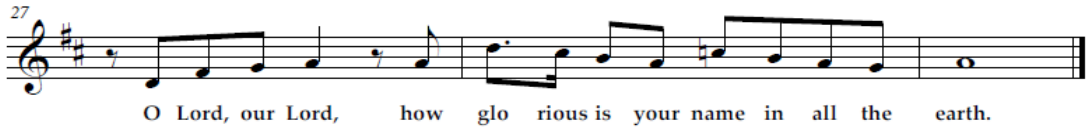
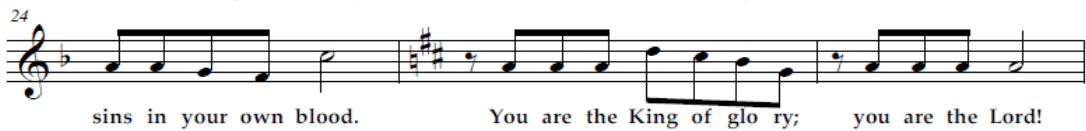
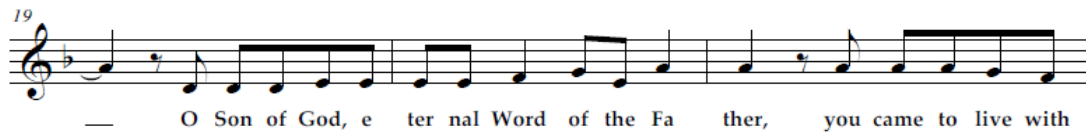
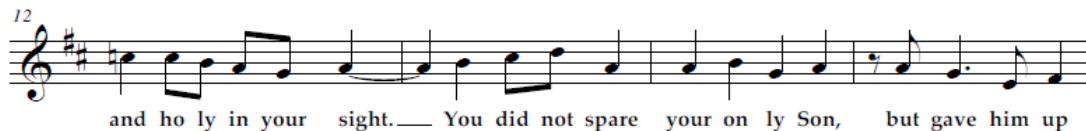
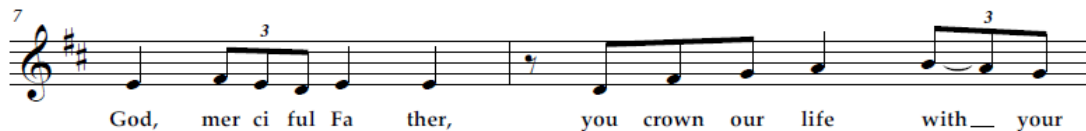
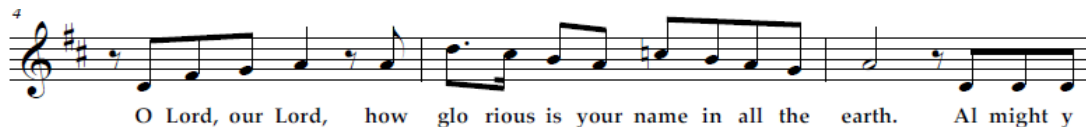
C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A— men.

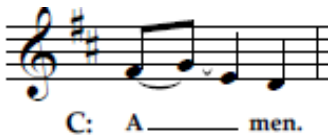
M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD

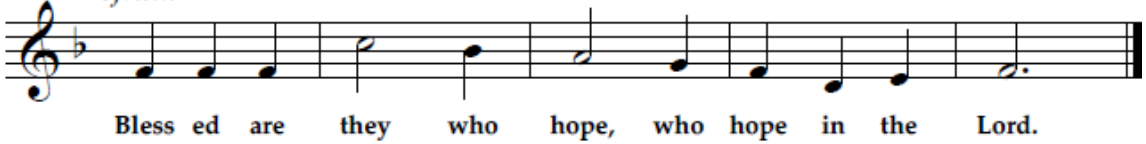
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 26:8-15

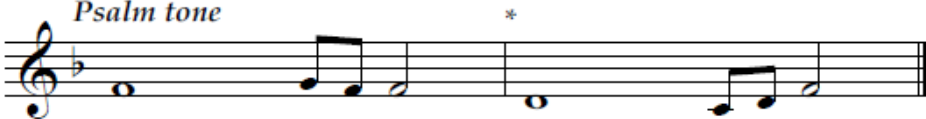
But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!"⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house.¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard."¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you.¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right.¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 42-43

Refrain



Psalm tone



M: As the deer pants for streams of 'water, *

C: so my soul pants for 'you, O God.

M: My soul thirsts for God, for the 'living God. *

C: When can I go and 'meet with God?

M: Why are you downcast, 'O my soul? *

C: Why so disturbed with'in me?

M: Put your 'hope in God, *

C: for I will yet praise him, my Savior 'and my God.

Refrain

M: Send forth your light and your truth, let them 'guide me; *

C: let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place 'where you dwell.

M: Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and 'my delight. *

C: I will praise you with the harp, O 'God, my God.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. **4:1** Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!*

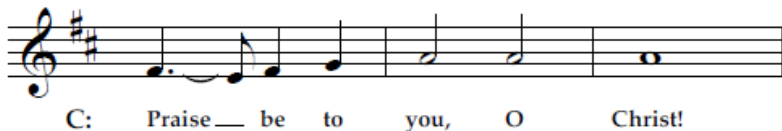
THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....Philippians 2:8b

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

GOSPEL.....Luke 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day-- for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....Lord, You I Love with All My Heart (CW #434)

SERMON.....Luke 13:31-35

THEME: "I Must Press On"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

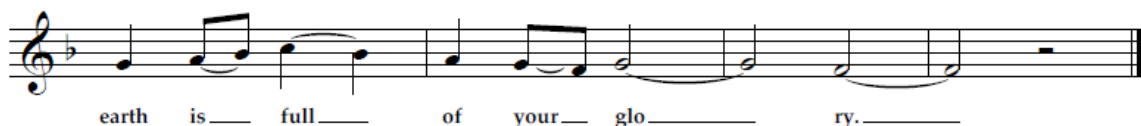
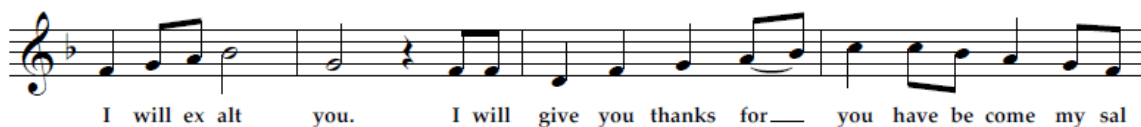
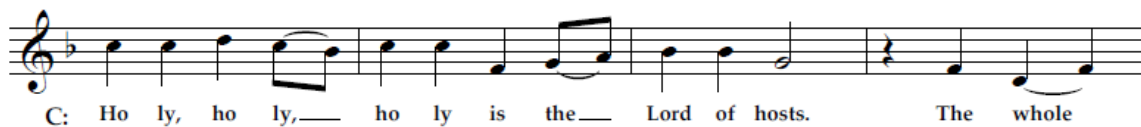
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A_____ men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on___

us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have

mer cy on___ us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A_____ men.

DISTRIBUTION (Hymn #449 - Children of the Heavenly Father)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

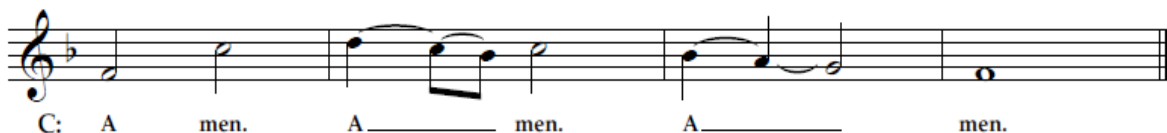
C: A_____ men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....Facing the Task Unfinished

1. *Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known*

2. *Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night*

Refrain:

*We go to all the world with kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ The Lord*

3. *We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission the same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition to Thee we yield our powers*

Refrain:

*We go to all the world with kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ The Lord*

4. *O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake*

Refrain:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 34; Communion: 24.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$36300; Periodicals: \$30; Evangelism: \$25.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday (2/17):	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday (2/18):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Sunday (2/21):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES



We will begin our midweek Lent evening prayer services on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. We will have a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. Our theme for our services this year is "*Behold the Lamb.*" Each week we will look at a different Old Testament sacrifice and see its fulfillment in Christ and its meaning for our lives today. These services provide an excellent opportunity for growing in faith and focusing our hearts as we look forward to another joyous Easter celebration.

SOUP SUPPER SIGNUP



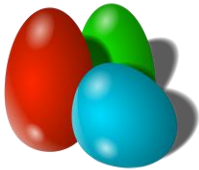
There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Room for those who are willing to host one of the soup suppers before our midweek Lent services.

WEDDING INVITATION



Members of Cross of Glory are invited to share in the joy of Winter Crosley and Brennan Bass as they are united in marriage on Saturday, February 27th at 3:00 pm. with reception to follow.

EASTER FOR KIDS ~ EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH



We will be holding our Easter for Kids event on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to participate in a fun egg hunt at Cross of Glory. We will also have special Easter-themed projects for the children to enjoy. We would love to see as many children from our Cross of Glory extended family and the neighborhood at this event. Please come and join the fun (and bring a friend or two!). There is a signup sheet for those who are willing to donate candy for the eggs as well as volunteer the day of the event.

MEDITATIONS / FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTIONS



Those who would like to receive Meditations (daily devotional) and/or Forward in Christ (monthly WELS magazine) are asked to sign up in the gathering room. The cost is \$15 for a Meditations subscription and \$10 for Forward in Christ. Money can be returned in the offering plate designated for "Subscriptions."